

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1460 - SB 1347

February 24, 2019

SUMMARY OF BILL: Removes the fee for obtaining a lifetime handgun carry permit for former law enforcement officers who served at least 10 years.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease State Revenue – Exceeds \$15,700/Handgun Permit Division

Assumptions:

- The North Carolina Criminal Justice Analysis Center conducted a 2016 survey that concluded law enforcement agencies had an approximant 14 percent attrition rate.
- According to the most recent Census of State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies by the U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics, there are roughly 15,976 sworn state or local law enforcement officers in Tennessee (13,691 local officers + 2,285 state officers).
- It is estimated that at least 2,237 (15,976 x 14%) persons sever employment from law enforcement agencies each year.
- According to information provided by the Tennessee Sheriffs Association, an average of 35 percent of law enforcement officers are active for 10 or more years.
- Under the provisions of this legislation, it can be estimated that at least 783 (2,237 x 35%) persons will be eligible to obtain a lifetime handgun carry permit at no charge each year.
- It is estimated that at least 20 percent, or 157, of those eligible will apply and be issued a lifetime handgun permit each year under this legislation, who would have otherwise obtained a permit and paid the required fee.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-17-1351, the total lifetime handgun carry permit fee a retired federal, state, or local law enforcement officer who served at least 10 years prior to retiring in good standing is required to pay is \$100.
- It is estimated that this legislation will result in a recurring decrease in revenue to the Handgun Permit Division (HPD) of the Department of Safety (DOS) exceeding \$15,700 (\$100 x 157).

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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